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To: [J. Scott Angle](#); [Harald Scherm](#); [Robert N. Shulstad](#)
Cc: [Peggy Ozias-Akins](#)
Subject: Fwd: DivSeek expression of interest
Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 10:28:03 AM
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Scott/Bob/Harald,

Attached is document that I would like to get authorized on behalf of UGA. It is a non-binding agreement, but I assume that you may want to run by counsel before anyone signs it. This is the fruition of an initiative begun by Hannes (sender of the email), Susan McCouch (Cornell), Loren Reiseberg (Univ British Columbia) and myself to begin to generate genomic and phenotypic data for plant germplasm collections along with data storage and analysis tools to more effectively deploy this banked genetic diversity.

Options: 1) Dean Angle (or someone else) can sign on behalf of CAES; or 2) Peggy and I could sign on behalf of CAGT and IPBGG. Either way, do we need to have counsel look at it first?

Thanks,
-scott

Begin forwarded message:

From: Hannes Dempewolf <hannes.dempewolf@croptrust.org>
Subject: DivSeek expression of interest
Date: September 23, 2014 at 9:24:28 AM EDT
To: Scott Jackson <sjackson@uga.edu>
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Dear Dr. Scott Jackson,

After two scoping meetings in January and April 2014, DivSeek is becoming a reality. We have created a small steering and working group to develop a white paper, to initiate the scoping phase and to develop the plan for launching the initiative. A website includes all our work to date (<http://www.divseek.org>).

A first Partners' Assembly will take place in early 2015, to establish the governance of DivSeek. For your institution to take part in the Assembly, we ask you to return a signed copy of the letter that is attached, by 31 October. Please identify the appropriate person who can sign on behalf of your organization. Signature of the letter constitutes a simple and non-binding expression of interest in DivSeek. Please submit the signed letter to divseek@croptrust.org and pgrfa-treaty@fao.org

A draft Charter, setting forth the principles and institutional mechanisms of DivSeek, will be distributed in advance of the Partners' Assembly.

We continue to promote DivSeek as an open and transparent initiative, and look forward to your further engagement.

Kind regards,

Marie Haga, Shakeel Bhatti, Ruth Bastow and Wayne Powell

On behalf of the joint facilitation unit:

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